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The concise explanation of the relevance of Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 09-219806 (and previously submitted Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 02-089473) is satisfied by the English language version of the foreign action. See MPEP 609 III A (3).

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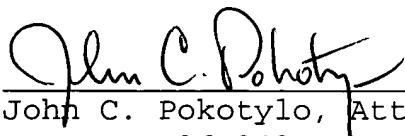
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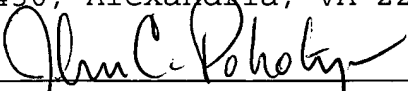
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